## STATE OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

In the Matter of:

Docket HWCA 2005 0925

P. Kay Metal, Inc. 2448 East 25th Street Los Angeles, California 90058 CONSENT ORDER

EPA ID No. CAL000024110 Respondent Health and Safety Code Section 251 87

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control

(Department) and P. Kay Metal, Inc. (Respondent) enter into this Consent Order and agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Site.</u> Respondent generates, handles, treats, stores hazardous waste at 2448 East 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles. California (Site).
- 2. The Department inspected the Site on January 19, 20, and 21, 2005.
  - 3. The Department alleges the following violations:
- 3.1. Respondent violated Health & Safety Code section 25188, in that on or about January 19, 2005, Respondent failed to comply with the Settlement Agreement issued on April 30,2004 Docket #HWCA 00/01 -3017A. Respondent exceeded its storage capacity on or about June 16, 2004, September 23, 2004, October 27, 2004, November 4, 2004, November 16, 2004, and November 29, 2004.

- 3.2. Respondent violated Health & Safety Code, section 25202 (a): California Code of Regulation, title 22, section 66270.30 (a); and Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, Series B, Part II-Special Conditions, in that on about January 19, 2005, Respondent exceeded its storage capacity on or about June 16, 2004, September 23, 2004, October 27, 2004, November 4, 2004, November 16, 2004, and November 29, 2004.
- 3.3. Respondent violated California Code of Regulation, title 22, section 66264.15 (d), in that on or about January 19, 2005, Respondent failed to record the time of inspection in the weekly hazardous waste storage area inspection logs. Respondent failed to reference corrections/repairs along with the date the corrections/repairs were made onto inspection logs.
- Jurisdiction exists pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25187.
  - 5. Respondent waives any right to a hearing in this matter.
- This Consent Order shall constitute full settlement of the violations alleged above, but does not limit the Department from taking appropriate enforcement action concerning other violations.
  - 7. Respondent admits the violations described above.

## SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

- 8. Respondent shall comply with the following:
- 8.1. Effective immediately, Respondent shall comply with the permitted storage limits for Hazardous Waste Storage Areas A, B, and C individually, and with the total facility limit. *NOTE: The fofal facility limit is less than the sum of the individual area limits*.

- 8.1.2. Effective immediately Respondent shall record the time of Inspection in the weekly hazardous waste storage area inspection logs.

  Respondent shall reference corrections/repairs along with the date the corrections/repairs were made onto the inspection logs.
- 8.2. Respondent shall operate hereafter in a manner that shall prevent recurrences of the violations cited herein.
- 8.3. <u>Submittals:</u> All submittals from Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order shall be sent simultaneously to:

Mukul K. Agarwal, Supervising Hazardous Substance Scientist Statewide Compliance Division Southern California Branch Department of Toxic Substance Control 1011 N. Grandview Avenue Glendale, California 91201

- 8.4. Communications: All approvals and decisions of the Department made regarding such submittals and notifications shall be communicated to Respondent in writing by a Branch Chief, Department of Toxic Substances Control, or his/her designee. No informal advice, guidance, suggestions, or comments by the Department regarding reports, plans, specifications, schedules, or any other writings by Respondent shall be construed to relieve Respondent of its obligation to obtain such formal approvals as may be required.
- 8.5. <u>Department Review and Approval:</u> If the Department determines that any report, plan, schedule, or: other document submitted for approval pursuant to this Consent Order fails to comply with the Order or fails to protect public health or safety or the environment, the Department may return the document to Respondent with recommended changes and a date by which

Respondent must submit to the Department a revised document incorporating the recommended changes.

- 8.6. <u>Compliance with Applicable Laws:</u> Respondent shall carry out this Order in compliance with all local, State, and federal requirements, including but not limited to requirements to obtain permits and to assure worker safety.
- 8.7. Endangerment during Implementation: In the event that the Department determines that any circumstances or activity (whether or not pursued in compliance with this Consent Order) are creating an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of people on the site or in the surrounding area or to the environment, the Department may order Respondent to stop further implementation for such period of time as needed to abate the endangerment. Any deadline in this Consent Order directly affected by a Stop Work Order under this section shall be extended for the term of such Stop Work Order.
- 8.8. <u>Liability:</u> Nothing in this Consent Order shall constitute or be construed as a satisfaction or release from liability for any conditions or claims arising as a result of past, current, or future operations of Respondent, except as provided in this Consent Order. Notwithstanding compliance with the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent may be required to take further actions as are necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment.
- 8.9. <u>Site Access:</u> Access to the Site shall be provided at all reasonable times to employees, contractors, and consultants of the Department, and any agency having jurisdiction. Nothing in this Consent Order is intended to limit in any way the right of entry or inspection that any agency may otherwise have by operation of any law. The Department and its authorized

representatives may enter and move freely about all property at the Site at all reasonable times for purposes including but not limited to: inspecting records, operating logs, and contracts) relating to the Site; reviewing the progress of Respondent in carrying out the terms of this Consent Order; and conducting such tests as the Department may deem necessary. Respondent shall permit such persons to inspect and copy all records, documents, and other writings, including all sampling and monitoring data, in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Consent Order.

8.10. Sampling, Data, and Document Availability: Respondent shall permit the Department and its authorized representatives to inspect and copy all sampling, testing, monitoring, and other data generated by Respondent or on Respondent's behalf in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Consent Order. Respondent shall allow the Department and its authorized representatives to take duplicates of any samples collected by Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order. Respondent shall maintain a central depository of the data, reports, and other documents prepared pursuant to this Consent Order. All such data, reports, and other documents shall be preserved by Respondent for a minimum of six years after the conclusion of all activities under this Consent Order. If the Department requests that some or all of these documents be preserved for a longer period of time, Respondent shall either comply with that request, deliver the documents to the Department, or permit the Department to copy the documents prior to destruction. Respondent shall notify the Department in writing at least six months prior to destroying any documents prepared pursuant to this Consent Order.

- 8.11. Government Liabilities: The State of California shall not be liable for injuries or damages to persons or property resulting from acts or omissions by Respondent or related parties specified in paragraph 12.3, in carrying out activities pursuant to this Consent Order, nor shall the State of California be held as a party to any contract entered into by Respondent or its agents in carrying out activities pursuant to this Consent Order.
- 8.12. <u>Incorporation of Plans and Reports:</u> All plans, schedules, and reports that require Department approval and are submitted by Respondent pursuant to this Consent Order are incorporated in this Consent Order upon approval by the Department.
- 8.13. Extension Requests: If Respondent is unable to perform any activity or submit any document within the time required under this Consent Order, the Respondent may, prior to expiration of the time, request an extension of time in writing. The extension request shall include a justification for the delay.
- 8.14. Extension Approvals: If the Department determines that good cause exists for an extension, it will grant the request and specify in writing a new compliance schedule.

## **PAYMENTS**

9. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall pay the Department a total of \$4500.00 (Forty Five Hundred Dollars) as penalty. Respondent's check shall be made payable to Department of Toxic Substances Control, and shall be delivered together with the attached Payment Voucher to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control Accounting Office 1001 I Street, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor P.O. Box 806 Sacramento, California 95812-0806

A photocopy of the check shall be sent to:

Mukul K. Agarwal, Supervising Hazardous Substance Scientist Statewide Compliance Division Southern California Branch Department of Toxic Substance Control 1011 N. Grandview Avenue Glendale, California 91201

If Respondent fails to make payment as provided above, Respondent agrees to pay interest at the rate established pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 25360.1 and to pay all costs incurred by the Department in pursuing collection including attorney's fees.

## OTHER PROVISIONS

- 10. <u>Additional Enforcement Actions:</u> By agreeing to this Consent Order, the Department does not waive the right to take further enforcement actions, except to the extent provided in this Consent Order.
- 10.1. Penalties for Noncompliance: Failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Order may subject Respondent to civil penalties and/or punitive damages for any costs incurred by the Department or other government agencies as a result of such failure, as provided by Health and Safety Code section 25188 and other applicable provisions of law.
- 10.2. <u>Parties Bound:</u> This Consent Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent and its officers, directors, agents, receivers, trustees, employees, contractors, consultants, successors, and assignees, including but not limited to individuals, partners, and subsidiary and parent corporations, and

upon the Department and any successor agency that may have responsibility for and jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Consent Order.

- 10.3. <u>Effective Date:</u> The effective date of this Consent Order is the date it is signed by the Department.
- 10.4. <u>Integration:</u> This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and may not be amended, supplemented, or modified, except as provided in this agreement.

Dated: January 12, 2006 Original signed by Larry Kay, President Respondent

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Dated: <u>January 12, 2006</u> <u>Original signed by Mukul K. Agarwal</u>

Mukul K. Agarwal

Supervising Hazardous Substances Scientist

Department of Toxic Substances Control